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**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
1 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, DPS CONFERENCE ROOM 1301
November 5, 2015, 11:00AM**

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:13am by Chair LaTeisha Adams followed by roll call:

Board Members Present

LaTeisha Adams
Guy Licciardi
Quion T. Riley
Gary Litchfield (Late to arrive)

Board Members Absent

Joseph Krowski Jr.

Guests Present

Jen Cobis, DPS Office Support Specialist
Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel
Chris Traietti, on behalf of Promoters Vincent Traietti and Nick DiSalvo (via telephone)

2. Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2015

Tabled by Chair at the start of the meeting until Commissioner Litchfield arrived

A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the minutes from October 8, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. Chair Adams abstained.

3. Approval of Suspensions from October 10, 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve the suspensions from October 10, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

4. Approval of Suspensions from October 17, 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve the suspensions from October 17, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

5. Approval of Suspensions from October 30, 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the suspensions from October 30, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Licciardi made a motion to request the appearance of professional fighter, Rodrigo Almeida to come before the board during the next meeting for a safety concern, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. USA Boxing New England Sanction Fees

Commissioner Licciardi made a motion to table the discussion on the sanction fees that USA Boxing New England is presently charging the local clubs to the next meeting when a representative from USA Boxing Colorado is available, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. 523 CMR Review

Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel began the review of the red-line revisions to the 562 MSAC regulations.

It was agreed after Deputy General Counsel, Deirdre Hosler made a distinction of the definitions of match, contest, and exhibition that the difference is the recording of the results.

Karate – The question arose if whether or not Massachusetts should regulate Karate, point and or contact where it states in our law that un-armed combat is our jurisdiction.

Deirdre Hosler informed the board that going forward in the near future, the Department of Public Safety will have an online system in which the community will have to apply online for variance requests and will receive decision through that process.

Deputy General Counsel explained how she re-organized certain sections where it was duplicative.

Medical requirements for professional and amateur boxing and mixed martial arts licensure was reviewed. It was agreed that the physical, EKG, dilated eye, blood trio were all required within 1 year of the event to accompany a 1-off/1-night fighter license. The CT/MRI/Neuro for professionals only would be required for the first time and would be good for 5 years of the license application. However, for amateurs, the CT/MRI/Neuro would only be required for individuals over 35 years of age. Medical requirements for amateur licensure for boxing and mixed martial arts were reviewed and the question of whether or not they would require the same medicals for licensure will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Due to time restraint, the review of the regulations will continue to the December meeting.

8. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting
Variance request from Chris Traietti on behalf of Promoters Vincent Traietti and Nick DiSalvo for under 28 rounds of professional boxing for November 25, 2015 card and to allow exhibitions
Via telephone, Chris Traietti requested a variance to allow fewer than 28 rounds of professional boxing and to allow exhibitions on the November 25, 2015 boxing card to be held at the Teacher's Union Hall in Dorchester. The approved variance is detailed as follows: 22 rounds of professional boxing will be granted, (4) 3/ 1 min. round exhibitions will be granted with the use of 18oz. gloves and head-gear, all amateur participants must be over the age of 30 years old, all amateur participants must have a fit-to-fight physical cleared by a physician as well as follow the pre and post medical examinations by MSAC ringside doctors, regulation event insurance and medical liability insurance for all participants professional and amateur will be required, ring height reduction will be granted provided the crowd is contained by regulation police detail, and the first 3 rows of seating must be zip-tied and or metal linked.

Charles Fitch, Professional Boxing Judge Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve Charles Fitch's Judge Application; seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

9. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 12:57pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this Meeting

Draft of Minutes, October 8, 2015

Suspensions from Results, October 10, 2015

Suspension from Results, October 17, 2015

Suspensions from Results, October 30, 2015

USA Boxing New England Sanction Fees page from official website

Red-line draft of MSAC Regulations

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